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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

HELEN SHIBRU

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06/28/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn. Claims 1-7 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, filed 06/28/2006, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is set below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gotoh (US Pat. No. 2006/0093336).

Regarding claim 1, Gotoh discloses method for recording real-time files containing real-time data, wherein real-time file attributes are permanently assigned to the real-time files and are concomitantly recorded together with the real-time files (see paragraph 0100), the real-time file attributes describing hardware independent real-time requirements of the real-time files during a

real-time file transfer for playback of the real-time files, wherein at least the following real-time file attributes are provided (see paragraphs 0132, 0137, 0138, 0158):

a) a guaranteed minimum transfer rate during the real-time file transfer (see paragraphs 0027, 0103, 0116), b) a maximum transfer rate during the real-time file transfer (see paragraph 0027, 0103, 0116 and claim 1), c) a buffer store size used during the real-time file transfer, and that rules for recording the real-time files are derived from the real-time file attributes in order to ensure that the real-time properties of the real-time files are preserved during the recording process (see paragraphs 0116, 0123 and claims 1 and 2).

Regarding claim 2, Gotoh discloses a fragmented recording of the real-time files the sizes of the file fragments and the distances between the file fragments are chosen in such a way that the real-time file transfer can be performed with the guaranteed minimum transfer rate during the entire real-time file transfer without any underflow of the buffer store (see paragraph 0103).

Regarding claim 2, Gotoh discloses a version number is provided as a further real-time file attribute (see figs. 3-4, 9 and 12).

Regarding claim 4, Gotoh discloses the real-time file attributes are combined in a data block and such a data block is assigned to a real-time file (see paragraphs 0100, 0103 and 0140).

Regarding claim 5, Gotoh discloses the data block is stored in UDF as Extended Attribute in a File Entry or in a System Stream assigned to the real-time file (see paragraphs 0005, 0102, 0127 and 0163).

Regarding claim 6, Gotoh discloses the real-time file is assigned a fixed area in the useful data area for the real time file attributes (see paragraphs 0103 and 0164).

Regarding claim 7, Gotoh discloses the real time file attributes are contained in an MPEG private stream (see paragraphs 0005 and 0094).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

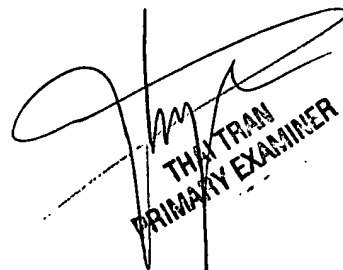
Matsumi et al. (US Pat. No. 6,744,343).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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